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TO AM EMB TEHRAN IRAN

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DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

SUBJ: GRUNMAN AGENTS' PROBLEMS

REF: EMB TEHRAN MSG 1383 101025Z FEB 75

1. IN CHECKING MY CHRONO FILE AND MY MEMORY, I CAN NOT REPEAT CAN NOT FIND ANY EVIDENCE I WAS INFORMED OF THE LAVI BROTHERS BEING ON A BLACKLIST PRIOR TO MAY 1975. I DEFINITELY KNOW OF NO EVIDENCE THAT THE MAAG WAS IN RECEIPT OF THE DOCUMENTS ON THE LAVI BROTHERS PRIOR TO RECEIVING THEM FROM HENRY PRECHT ON 20 JULY 1975.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE SUBJECT OF AGENTS AND AGENTS' FEES CONSTANTLY CROPPED UP THROUGHOUT MY TOUR. THEREFORE, IT IS POSSIBLE THE LAVI BROTHERS COULD HAVE BEEN LUMPED IN WITH OTHERS PRIOR TO MAY 1975, WITH OUT MY NOTICING IT.

3. I DO HAVE A XEROX FILE COPY OF WHAT MAY BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT: AN EMB FORM 35 ROUTING SLIP, DTD JULY 20, 1975, FROM HENRY PRECHT WITH THIS TYPED NOTE: QUOTE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS ON THE LAVI BROTHERS PROVIDED BY GEN TOUFANIAN ON JULY 16, 1975. UNQUOTE THE ATTACHMENT US A 6 NOV 72 DOCUMENT FROM TOUFANIAN TO CHIEF, SUPREME COMMANDER'S STAFF; UNDOUBTEDLY THE SAME 6 NOV 72 DOCUMENT YOU LIST IN YOUR 10 FEB MESSAGE, TO ME THIS INDICATES THAT TOUFANIAN PASSED YOU A COPY OF HIS LETTER ON JULY 16, 1975, NOT NECESSARILY IN 1972. THE DISTRIBUTION ON THE TOUFANIAN DOCUMENT, WRITTEN IN ENGLISH BY A FOREIGN HAND, IS LISTED AS: QUOTE CHIEF, SCS AND THE CNC, IIGF, IIAF, IIN, IIG, II NATIONAL POLICE. UNQUOTE

WHILE I REALIZE YOU PROBABLY HAVE ALREADY REVIEWED THE FOLLOWING, FOR COMPLETENESS SAKE. THESE ARE MESSAGES AND MEMOS I KNOW OF THAT RELATE TO THE SUBJECT:

A. ARMISH MAAG CONFIDENTIAL MSG 121333Z MAY 75 TO DCINCEUR AND SEC DEF/DSAA, SUBJECT: "USE OF AGENTS BY COMMERCIAL FIRMS IN IRAN"

B. A MEMO OF CONVERSATION, SUBJECT: "MR. LAVI'S REPUTATION" PREPARED BY MR. PRECHT ON NOV 14, 1973. IT IS A MEETING BETWEEN LAVI AND PRECHT. DISTRIBUTION OF THIS MEMO IS LISTED AS: J4 ARMISH-MAAG; AMB/DCM, NEA/IRN, POL, POL/M, ECON, DAO. THIS IS THE EARLIEST DOCUMENT I RECALL REGARDING LAVI.

C. ARMISH MAAG CONFIDENTIAL MSG 131331 MAY 75 TO ENCOM ECJ4-7 AND SEC DEF/DSAA, COPIES PROVIDED ARMISH MAAG J4, AM EMB/MR PRECHT; SUBJECT: USE OF AGENTS BY COMMERCIAL FIRMS IN IRAN.

D. ARMISH-MAAG CONFIDENTIAL MSG 091335Z JUL 75, PERSONAL TO LTG FISH AND SEC DEF/DSAA, WITH COPIES PROVIDED TO AM EMB/MR PRECHT.

E. MR PRECHT'S SUMMARY AGENTS FEES, CONFIDENTIAL MEMO TO THE AMBASSADOR, DATED 13 JUL 75, MAY ALSO APPLY.

5. HOPEFULLY, THE FOREGOING WILL BE OF SOME USE. IF DESIRED, I CAN DO ADDITIONAL RESEARCH, BUT A RATHER DETAILED LOOK HAS ONLY SURFACED THE FOREGOING. ALSO I CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET THE ITEMS LISTED IN PARA 3 AND 4 TO YOU, IF NOT AVAILABLE YOUR END. MY VERY BEST.

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